

13 January 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Col. Vilis JANUMS' Arrival in the U. S.

1. While on leave in the New York area over the holiday period, the undersigned met Alfreds BERZINS, who informed him that Col. Vilis JANUMS, former Regimental Commander in the Latvian Legion and at present Chief of the Latvian Veterans Organization DAUGAVAS VARAGI, will be arriving in the United States on 20 January 1954. The reason for JANUMS' visit to the U. S. is for the main part political; by this visit JANUMS hopes to solidify his organization in the U. S., and to return to its fold a number of straying members in Canada, who have begun drifting toward the Latvian National Center, an organization created and headed by VALDMANIS.

2. Although, at present, JANUMS definitely falls into the category of "dealing with emigres" and any connection or activity with him could only be termed as a marginal activity, it is felt that his potential in case of a hot war is quite great and that because of such potential JANUMS should be cultivated, but only to a realistic degree.

3. For this reason the undersigned, who is known to JANUMS by his true identity -- should meet him when he arrives. This would be performed on the basis of past friendship and it will clearly be indicated that the undersigned represents no government component whatsoever.

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